



**2005 STATE DEMOGRAPHY CONFERENCE**  
**Friday, November 18, 2005 - Front Range Community College**

**8:45 AM**      **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**  
Michael Beasley, Executive Director, Department of Local Affairs  
Charles Unseld, Director of Local Government Services  
Elizabeth Garner, State Demographer, State Demography Office (SDO)

***CBEF/SDO REPORTS***

**9:00 AM**      **State Economic Forecast - Bill Kendall, President**  
Center for Business and Economic Forecasting

**9:30 AM**      **Overview of Demography Activities - Forecasts & Estimates**  
Cindy DeGroen, State Demography Office  
Elizabeth Garner, State Demographer

***Western Slope Regional Reports***

**10:15 AM**      **Regional Reports - Agricultural Regional Panel**  
Region 12 - Linda Venturoni, Northwest Colorado COG  
Region 13 - Jeff Ollinger, Upper Arkansas Area COG  
Region 14 - Bill Cordova, Las Animas County Administrator

**10:45 AM**      **BREAK**

**11:00 AM**      **Impact of Energy Development in Colorado**  
Robert Sonora, Department of Economics, Fort Lewis College

**11:30 AM**      **Western Slope Regional Reports - *continued***  
Region 9 - Donna Graves - Region 9  
Region 10 - Leslie Jones - Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning  
Region 11 - Jim Evans, Associated Governments of NW Colorado

**12:00 PM**      **LUNCH**

**12:30 PM**      **Luncheon Panel**  
**Community Indicators: “*Making the Data More Meaningful*”**  
Colin Laird, Director, Healthy Mountain Communities  
Audrey Danner, Yampa Valley Partners - Yampa Valley Indicators  
Lisa Summers, Management Analyst,  
Larimer County Health & Human Services- Larimer Compass

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**1:35 - 2:30 PM**

## **Session A: *Snowy Peaks Room***

### **Introduction to Local Employment Dynamics**

**Hosted by Wande Rewata, Colorado Labor Market Information,  
Dept. of Labor & Employment**

State and local authorities increasingly need detailed local information about their economies to make informed decisions - and yet are frustrated by the lack of timely local data. The LED/state partnership works to fill critical data gaps and provide indicators needed by state and local authorities. This partnership between state labor market information agencies and the Census Bureau supplies new measures - the Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) - on labor markets that:

- Is **Local**, at the state, county and sub county level
- Supplies statistics on **Employment**, job creation, turnover, and earnings by industry, age and sex.
- Provides **Dynamic** information on the rapidly changing economy

## **Session B: *Timberline Room***

### **GIS & Demographic Information in Emergency Management**

**Hosted by Jon Gottsegen, State GIS Coordinator, Colorado Department of Local Affairs**

This session will discuss the types of demographic information that is useful in preparing for and responding to an emergency and how that information may be manipulated and displayed in a geographic information system. It will also raise issues related to this use of demographic information. It will conclude with a description of how the State of Colorado is building its GIS capability for emergency management and homeland security.

## **Session C: *Rocky Mountain Room***

### **Using Economic and Population Forecasts As Effective Planning Tools:**

#### ***A Regional Approach***

**Hosted by Linda Venturoni, Northwest Council of Governments**

Linda will demonstrate how she has incorporated population and economic forecasts into an interactive software program to better analyze and understand the relationship between jobs and people - especially within a region.

**2:35 - 3:30 PM**

**Repeat sessions A, B and C**

**3:30 PM**

**Adjourn**